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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MUHAMMAD ALI TO SOVIET UNION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WASHINGTON POST MAY  
CARRY STORY FEB. 28 ON MUHAMMAD ALI'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO  
USSR IN JUNE. ALI'S REPRESENTATIVE, SULTAN KARIM, EXPECTS  
TO VISIT MOSCOW IN NEXT 30-40 DAYS TO DO ADVANCE WORK.  
WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING  
IF ASKED ABOUT ALI'S TRAVEL:

2. MUHAMMAD ALI MET WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN ON FEB. 27  
TO DISCUSS ALI'S TRIP TO THE USSR, WHICH IS SCHEDULED  
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. HE WILL VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD,  
AND POSSIBLY OTHER CITIES IN THE USSR. DURING HIS VISIT,  
HE WILL ENGAGE IN SOME EXHIBITION BOXING AND OTHER ACTIVI-  
TIES FURTHERING INTERNATIONAL SPORTS AND PROMOTING MUTUAL  
UNDERSTANDING THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES OF THIS TYPE.

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MUHAMMAD ALI'S TRIP IS ON A PRIVATE BASIS AT THE INVITATION  
OF THE USSR. HE WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING UNDER ANY OFFICIAL  
US-USSR EXCHANGE PROGRAM; HOWEVER, HE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH  
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WE HAVE OFFERED ALL APPRO-  
PRIATE ASSISTANCE.  
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